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On 22 July 1953 the ROK government planned to proclaim martial law within a few days.

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Comment. According to other available information, on 26 July 1953 a rumor was circulating in Pusan that ROK martial law would be imposed upon announcement of an armistice. According to the rumor the reason for martial law would be to negate the opposition's attempts to form a coalition government by collaboration with factions of the North Korean regime. This would follow the removal of President RHEE and would gain United States-United Nations support for anti-RHEE groups.

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